

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Jan. 14, 1953

January 14, 1953.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes—6.
Absent—Com. McKim—1.

Com. McKim was excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

Ald. Stabler was present at the session.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of appreciation for the flowers sent at the holidays were received from Mrs. Lucile Murphy, Mrs. Joseph Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dale for Mr. Christian E. Stabler; all of which were received and placed on file.

The resolution adopted by the City Council on January 2, 1953, relative to accepting a plaque from Gladys Olds Anderson and Bernice Olds Roe, commemorating and marking site where first car was manufactured on Kalamazoo Plaza was referred to the Park Committee and Superintendent.

A letter of thanks was received from Oldsmobile for giving them permission to place poles for power lines across the west boundary of the West Side Field. This was placed on file.

Communication received from Harry G. Myers of 519 N. Logan Street asking the

Board to set a price on Lots 46 and 47, Assessor's Plat No. 49.

Referred to the Park Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Recreation Committee filed a written report for the month of December, 1952, which was received and placed on file.

The Public Relations Committee gave an oral report on the fine publicity the department had received during the past month.

The Cemetery Committee hereby presents the following request for removal:

From the family of Lawrence S. Smith for permission to remove the remains of infant Willis H. Winter from grave 7, lot 125, Section A of Mt. Hope Cemetery to grave 5, lot 125, Section A of Mt. Hope Cemetery to make room for Mrs. Charles Smith to be buried beside her husband.

Note: Charles S. Smith is being buried on Grave 6 of this lot on January 15—the family has requested the above removal to make available grave 7 when the need arises for wife of Mr. Charles Smith.

By Com. Baguley—

That the request be granted, subject to approval of the Superintendent.

Carried.

It is the pleasure of the Forestry Committee to present the Annual Report for the year 1952 of the Forestry Division of the Park and Cemetery Department of the City of Lansing, Michigan.

O. H. BAILEY, JR.,
W. C. BAGULEY.

The Building Committee reports:

That the old house at 926 Olds Avenue has been torn down and the property cleared. Foundation walls were left as a protection until the basement is filled.

Bids for the completion of the Groesbeck building have been advertised and will be accepted at the Park Office on or before January 21st at 2 o'clock and the Board is invited to attend the opening of bids at that time.

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

Series "K" United States Bonds
for Evergreen Cemetery Per-
petual Care Trust Fund..... \$1,000

Carried.

By Com. Baguley—

That the Board approve the layout of

Section L, Evergreen Cemetery, as presented.

Carried.

By Com. Bailey—

That the subject of the Barnes Mansion be referred to the Park Committee, the Superintendent and the Park Committee of the City Council.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the matter of exchanging lots on Olds Avenue, owned by the City, for lots on Fuller Street, adjoining Hunter Park be referred to the Park Committee and Superintendent with power to act.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

January 14, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Jan. 21, 1953

January 21, 1953

2:00 P.M.

The Building Committee of the Board, Coms. McKim and Hewes, and Mr. Bancroft, Supt., met to open bids on Groesbeck Clubhouse.

The bids were as follows:

Wm. H. Bennett	\$58,655.65
The Kutchins Company	58,143.00
Hugh J. Carpenter & Sons	44,900.00
Foster, Schermerhorn, Barnes	44,572.00

Vandenburg Construction 44,200.00

Granger Bros. 39,890.00

Each bid was accompanied by a .5% bid bond.

The bids were referred to the Building Committee to report back.

The meeting adjourned.

THEO FULTON,
Deputy City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings of Jan. 27, 1953

January 27, 1953

A special meeting of the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners was held on January 27, 1953 at 12:10 p.m. to award the contract for the Groesbeck Building.

Mr. Hyrtl C. Freeman took the oath of office and was welcomed as a Commissioner to the Board by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Freeman, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim—7.
Absent—Com. Graff—1.

January 26, 1953.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners
Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Following opening of bids for the Groesbeck Golf Club House, which were opened January 21 at 2:00 P.M., we rechecked our figures to determine, if possible, why we were so low. We discovered we had made an error in addition of \$10,000.00 in combining our labor total with our material total, as is evident on our estimate sheet which we have submitted to you for examination.

Had this error not been made our proposal would have been approximately \$50,000.00.

We, therefore, request that our bid be disqualified and that we be released from our bid bond.

Very truly yours,

GRANGER BROTHERS,
By: Joseph A. Macdonald.

Received and placed on file.

The Buliding Committee took bids on the Groesbeck Building at 2:00 o'clock January 21st, 1953 and the following bids were received:

Foster, Schermerhorn, Barnes	\$44,572.00
Granger Bros.	39,890.00
Vandenberg Construction	44,200.00
Hugh J. Carpenter & Sons	44,900.00
Wm. H. Bennett	58,665.65
The Kutchins Company	53,143.00

At the written request of Granger Bros. and after a careful examination of their work sheets, we are convinced that the bid was submitted in error, not in unit costs or estimates, but in simple addition and for that reason we would and do hereby recommend to the Board that the bid of Granger Bros. be and is hereby declared null and void, and the bid and the bid bond accompanying same be returned to the owner.

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Building Committee reports:

That eliminating the Granger Bros. bid, that the bid of the Vandenberg Construction Company, being the next lowest bid, be accepted in the amount of \$44,200.00.

The Committee has discussed the job with Mr. Vandenberg, have checked the subcontractors and believe that the company has the interest and ability to com-

plete the job at an early date and in a satisfactory manner.

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to sign such a contract for and in behalf of the City.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the bidders' bonds be returned to the unsuccessful bidders and each bidder to be thanked for submitting bids.

Carried.

RESOLUTION

By Com. McKim—

Resolved, that the bid of the Vandenberg Construction Company in the amount of \$44,200.00 be and is hereby accepted and that on presenting satisfactory bond and contract, approved by the City Attorney,

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

January 27, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings April 8, 1953

April 8, 1953

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Feeman, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

United Cerebral Palsy Association ask to use the Tourist Camp on E. Michigan Avenue for their summer day camp during July and August.

By Coms. Hewes—

That request be granted, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Carried.

Communication from the Whipp Farm Agency offering for sale the East 100 acres of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, T4N, R2W, Lansing Township, Ingham County, Michigan, at \$600 per acre, property located near Evergreen Cemetery.

Referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Communication from the Hiawatha Bowmen Club of Lansing requesting the use of a section of Scott Woods for archery.

Referred to the Recreation Committee.

Henry and Eva M. Robinson submit an offer to exchange land with the Board for

the SOUTH half of Lot 439, Snyder Park Subdivision, which adjoins their home, also from

John and Virginia Pavlik, 409 S. Hayford, offering to exchange land with the Board for the NORTH half of Lot 439, Snyder Park Subdivision, which adjoins their home.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Board approve the exchange of property with Henry and Eva M. Robinson and John and Virginia Pavlik.

Carried.

Communication from Chas. J. Schaver, 722 Elm Street, East Lansing, relative to the new Club House at Groesbeck Golf Course extending facilities to the regular players, semi-country club facilities.

By Com. Bailey—

This communication be referred to the Superintendent for reply to Mr. Schaver.

Carried.

Walter French Jr. High School P.T.A. ask to use a P.A. system at their picnic which is being held at Potter Park, Monday, June 1, 1953, at 6 P.M.

By Com. Feeman—

That the request be granted, under the supervision of Mr. Downey.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By the Building Committee—

Reports that the Groesbeck Club House will be useable by the 17th of April, al-

though there will be additional work in completing the building.

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
K. E. HEWES,
O. H. BAILEY, JR.

Com. Bailey gave a report of the publicity which the department has received for the month of March, 1953.

RECREATION REPORT

The Women's Recreation Clubs ended their winter activities with the annual Play Night at Eastern High School. Verlinden Club won the volleyball championship as the feature of the evening. The women enjoyed an evening of games with ribbons being awarded.

Three clubs will continue through the month of April.

The basketball season closed with Resurrection winning the girls' championship and Local 652 winning the Michigan Recreation Association district tournament at Flint.

Plans are being completed for the following activities:

City-Wide Marble Tournament on May 9 and 16.

Youth Talent Exhibit April 26 through May 3.

Water Ballet at Moores Park Pool on June 19.

Softball and Baseball League organization along with umpire and score-keeper training.

Registration for Grand Woods Camp will start on April 15 with the camp period starting May 16 and ending October 25. Many persons have complained because of the restriction of 50 people.

Red Cedar and Waverly Golf Courses opened Saturday, April 4, and that was the cause of our cold weather. There has been very few players.

April 4—Red Cedar 25	Waverly 9
April 5—Red Cedar 76	Waverly 80
April 6—Red Cedar 105	Waverly 73
April 7—Red Cedar 130	Waverly 88
336	250

Groesbeck is scheduled to open April 16 or 17 by using the new building. The building will not be completed but we are assured room for the starter.

Sycamore can not be opened until it is possible to put in the bridges.

Respectfully submitted,
C. GORDON CALLARD.

By the Forestry Committee—

The month of March saw a great deal of activity in the street tree removal program. Pleasant weather plus fine cooperation from employees of the park and golf divisions made it possible to complete the removal of 155 street trees.

In April 15 trees have been removed and we still have 30 more to complete.

Plans are complete for the spring tree planting season. 250 trees have been received from nurseries in Ohio and Battle Creek, Michigan, and heeled in the nursery. All street planting locations have been marked with a dot of red paint on the curb. Some trees in the nursery have been dug and the actual planting operations will begin on Thursday morning. It is planned to plant 155 trees. This is a rather limited planting, but planned that way because our longest and best planting season is in the fall.

ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.,
W. C. BAGULEY.

The Park Committee Reports—

That the land on which the Bonded Roofing Company has requested rental on the north side of the 300 block on East South Street is part of an abandoned street and the request should therefore be referred to the City Council for consideration.

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. GORDON CALLARD.

By Com. Hewes—

That the request of C. W. Baxter of the Bonded Roofing Company for rental of property be referred to the City Council.

Carried.

Park Committee Report—

That as soon as the City Attorney has approved the title to Lot 19, Assessor's Plat No. 18, that the Board recommend to the City Council the exchange of the following properties secured from the State Land Board for land of comparable value in Lot 19:

1. The south 16 ft. of Lot 37, Franklin Heights Sub., to Harold and Nellie Washburn at \$200.

2. The south 10 ft. of Lot 74, Otto's Subdivision, to Carl and Ethel E. Degner at \$100.
3. The north half of Lot 439, Snyder's Subdivision, to John and Virginia Pavlik at \$200.
4. The south half of Lot 439, Snyder's Subdivision, to Henry E. and Eva M. Robinson at \$200.

The above properties have not been used for public purposes and are not assessed for more than \$5000 and an exchange of such properties for land included in Lot 19, Assessor's Plat No. 18, is considered very desirable by the Committee.

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. GORDON CALLARD.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted, the committee be and is hereby authorized to make recommendations to the City Council when and if title to Lot 19, Assessor's Plat No. 18, is approved by the City Attorney.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the remainder of Lot 19, Assessor's Plat No. 18, be purchased for the sum of \$300, in the event, that no further property is offered for exchange in the near future.

Carried.

By the Cemetery Committee—

Reports that adjustments are being considered in cemetery charges and in raising the requirements for Perpetual Care, and

A new schedule will be submitted at the May Board Meeting.

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Callard—

That the matter pertaining to the Ranney Estate be referred to the Park Committee and the Superintendent, and a report to be made to the Board.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That Mr. Bancroft be granted permission to attend a conference at Michigan State College on April 22 to 25, 1953.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That Mr. Bancroft be and is hereby authorized to purchase a new Oldsmobile for his use.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That, if funds are made available in the 1953 budget as of May 1, 1953, that the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized to request all tenants to vacate the city properties on River Street on or before 30 days, and he is authorized further to take bids on clearing the site either on individual buildings or as a group, with the exception of the small brick building, formerly used as an office for the Rounsville Dray Company.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the question of right-of-way over a part of S. Washington Avenue Park be referred to the Park Committee and the Water and Light Board for action.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"Series K" United States Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$1,500.00
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Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

April 8, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings May 13, 1953

May 13, 1953

Referred to Mr. Downey with power to act.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

Petition from residents of Forest Road relative to the road grade that has been raised.

Referred to Cemetery Committee with power to act.

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Feeman, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

Invitation from Cedar Recreation Center to members of the Board and their families to attend exhibition and open house May 20, 1953, from 1 P.M. to 9 P.M.

By Com. Callard—

That the invitation be accepted.

Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Com. Callard—

That the present officers be re-elected for the coming years.

Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Lansing Commandery, No. 25, asking for the erection of bleachers on Capitol lawn and sidewalk between Allegan and Ottawa Streets. Would like to have 15 high bleachers.

Referred to Coms. Baguley, Callard and Graff and Mr. Bancroft.

Letter from Francis J. Corr, Inc., relative to storm drain between curb and park property onto the Glenmore Golf Course.

Received and placed on file.

Senior Class of Everett High School ask to use twenty-five park benches for prom to be held May 16, 1953.

A complaint from Mrs. Lee Fitch, 1415 Sunnyside, about the flying of model planes in Potter Park. She is disturbed by continuous buzzing daily and all day on Sunday.

By Com. Graff—

That the flying of model planes be discontinued on Sundays because of the large volume of traffic through the park on week-ends.

Carried.

Letter from C. LaVerne Roberts relative to the archery club using Scott's Woods for an archery range.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from Reo Motors, Inc., thanking Mr. Bancroft for use of Potter Park for leaf mulching test was received and placed on file.

Lansing Boat Club asks permission to sponsor boat race at their club grounds May 24, 1953.

By Com. Callard—

That permission be granted.

Carried.

Notice was received from Consumers Power Company of approval for gas heating service at 429 N. Cedar Street.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from Shelton H. Goodwin, Jr., of Lion Oil Company relative to quit-claim deed of the J. H. Moores' estate.

Referred to City Attorney.

Letter from Kenneth B. Fishbeck, Asst. City Engineer, relative to placing a pumping station on the southerly bank of a ravine which crosses Francis Park about 100 feet from its south boundary.

Referred to Park Committee to report back at next meeting.

Maplewood School P.T.A. ask permission to plug in public address system at Potter Park for square dancing after their annual picnic.

By Com. Graff—

That permission be denied.

Carried.

Elton and Lucille Skinner offer \$1,000 for parcel of land in Capitol Heights on Indiana Avenue.

Referred to Park Committee.

Letter from Secretary of Board of Police and Fire Commissioners relative to resolution passed by the Board granting permission for services of Lt. McCort during the summer months at the parks and playgrounds.

Received and placed on file and letter of thanks be sent to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Communication from Council was received relative to petition asking that line fence between Armory playground and properties bordering said playground, east side, be replaced and moving of playground equipment.

Referred to Park Committee.

Resolution received from Council that that portion of the area located between Walsh and Perkins Streets used by the City of Lansing as a public dump, now discontinued, be turned over to the Park Department for development.

By Com. Hewes—

That it be recorded as Park property.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The matter of salary adjustments was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

The Building Committee reports that work is practically completed on the Groesbeck Club House and ready for final inspection.

The building was put in use, incompletely, to accommodate golf players and leagues on April 25, 1953.

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

May 8, 1953

The Cemetery Committee to whom was referred the offer of the Whipp Real Estate Company to sell the Board a 100 acre tract of land north of Evergreen Cemetery report that the committee has gone over the property and find it high and well drained, the soil light to gravelly with loose stone, the property well located and reasonably priced.

The committee does not feel warranted in recommending the purchase of property as far in advance of need as we would consider this land.

We recommend that the offer be filed and the owner thanked for the showing of the property.

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. G. CALLARD,

By Com. Baguley—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee is continuing its study of charges for cemetery lots and

services, and asks for an additional month to make recommendations.

By Com. Baguley—

That permission be granted for an additional month to make recommendations.

Carried.

REPORT OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE

May 13, 1953

Since the April 8th meeting, the employees of the Forestry Division have removed 31 street and 3 golf course trees, planted 139 street trees, 16 golf course trees, planted 40 trees in the nursery, assisted the Public Service Department in the removal of ten trees, assisted the landscape crew in seeding West Side Field, assisted park improvement crew in sodding at new Groesbeck Starter Building, assisted park maintenance crew in Oak Park wood cutting project, and in weed control work at Ranney Park and Red Cedar Golf Course. 420 trees that were set on the streets last fall and this spring we wrapped with heavy special tree-wrap paper against attack by flatheaded apple tree borers.

One red elm tree was sprayed for elm leaf-curl aphid. Canker worm infestations were discovered at Red Cedar Golf Course, Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries, Potter and Sycamore Parks, and on street trees in the S.E. Section. Spraying operations will start Thursday, May 14th.

Street tree pruning operations began on April 30th. To date 201 trees have been trimmed on E. Michigan, S. Larch, Park Place and Barnard Streets. Great difficulty in hiring and keeping tree workers is being experienced. The labor situation is not expected to improve and we face the necessity of reducing our usual trimming season production by about one-half.

ORLA H. BAILEY, JR.,
W. C. BAGULEY,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
Forestry Committee

By Com. Bailey—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Recreation Committee met with Mr. Lifford of the Red Cedar Bowmen and Earl F. Mullen, 2175 South Pennsylvania, representing the Hiawatha Bowmen's organization.

The committee find that there are six clubs in the area and around 300 active members.

Discussion brought out the need for further study of organizations, insurance and liability, and site requirements.

The committee asks for more time to get information and make recommendations.

C. G. CALLARD,
W. A. GRAFF,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
Recreation Committee

By Com. Callard—

That the Committee be given more time to study the requirements.

Carried.

By Committee on Recreation—

Re: Cross Country practice and meets at Groesbeck Golf Course.

For the past several years Groesbeck Golf Course has been used by Eastern High School, Sexton High School, Everett High School and Michigan State College for Cross Country practice and meets.

The practice and meets have started during the second week in September and continued into October.

With the course arranged for 9 hole play indications are that we will have many golfers playing during September and October.

Due to the anticipated play it is recommended that the schools be notified that Groesbeck Golf Course will not be available for Cross Country practice and meets.

C. G. CALLARD,
W. A. GRAFF,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
Recreation Committee

By Com. Callard—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

RECREATION REPORT

The work of the Recreation staff has been organizing for the coming summer season.

Four Womens Clubs requested and were granted the privilege of meeting three extra weeks. This program was completed on April 30.

During the month special events were: Youth Talent Exhibit in cooperation with the State Journal. With 600 Teen Agers exhibiting to 14,773 visitors, the exhibit was one of the best.

A school for Umpires was held during the month.

Events planned for the summer:

28 playgrounds in cooperation with the Board of Education.

Junior Baseball instruction school in cooperation with the Metropolitan Club.

Golf instruction for Women starting June 13 on Monday and Saturday mornings.

Adult baseball and softball.

Women's Recreation Club, Detroit, baseball trip.

Girls' softball.

Junior baseball.

Grand Woods Camp opens on May 16. All evenings in May and June are scheduled and paid. The first open evening is July 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GORDON CALLARD

Mr. Bancroft asked about a bronze name plate for new Groesbeck Building.

This was referred to the Building Committee.

President Com. Gibbs named the following picnic committee: Recreation committee and the officers consisting of Pres. Gibbs, Com. McKim and Mr. Bancroft.

RESOLUTION

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent and the City Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and requested to purchase:

"United States 3 1/4% Treasury Bonds, issue of May 1, 1953, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$1,000"

Carried.

President Com. Gibbs named the following committees for the coming year:

BUILDING—McKim, Hewes, Baguley

CEMETERY—Baguley, McKim, Bailey

FINANCE—Graff, Callard, Hewes

FORESTRY—Feeman, Bailey, Baguley

PARK—Hewes, McKim, Callard

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Bailey, Feeman, Graff

RECREATION—Callard, Graff, Feeman

The meeting adjourned.

THEO FULTON,
Deputy City Clerk

May 18, 1953

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings June 10, 1953

June 10, 1953

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Cal-
lard, Feeman, Gibbs, Hewes, McKim—7.

Absent—Com. Graff.

Com. Graff was excused from the ses-
sion.

The minutes of the previous session were
approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter received from Austin Jenison
relative to the Liability and Property Dam-
age insurance that he has furnished for
Mr. Munsel on his popcorn stands in vari-
ous city parks, which was received and
placed on file.

A. T. Wilcox, Assistant Professor in
Park Management of Michigan State Col-
lege, thanks the commission for the assist-
ance of Mr. Bancroft in the recently held
workshop on park education.

Received and placed on file.

Communication was received from
Superintendent of Parks, Mr. McCallum of
Flint, Michigan, thanking Mr. Bancroft
for offering help of his department in the
recent disaster of that city.

Received and placed on file.

A letter of thanks for the courteous
guides, Louis Newhouse and Joe Vaydick,
was received from the Floral Arts Club,
when they visited the Cooley Gardsns on
May 18th.

Received and placed on file.

The Knights of Columbus ask for the
use of Groesbeck Golf Course on Septem-
ber 12 and 13, 1953, for their annual
tournament.

Referred to the Recreation Committee
and Herbert Kipke.

Card of appreciation was received from
Earle R. Pitt for the information furnish-
ed him recently on the subject of Parks
and Cemeteries, which was received and
placed on file.

The following action taken by the City
Council at meetings held on June 1 and
8, 1953, was referred to the Park Com-
mittee:

1. Resolution relative to the preliminary
plans for the Grade Separation on
East Saginaw Street being based upon
the use of a portion of Oak Park.

Referred to the Park Committee.

2. Resolution relative to the Park De-
partment spraying for mosquitos.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Park Department report to
the City Council that they do not
have men or equipment to handle
mosquito work on a City-wide basis
but will be glad to include a pro-
gram for the next fiscal year, if re-
quested by the City Council. The
Park Department would recommend
such a program, the cost to be around
\$15,000.

Carried.

3. Request of Disabled American Veter-
ans, Capital City Chapter No. 8, for
use of bleachers for their annual Show
Boat on June 22 through June 27,
1953.

Referred to the Park Committee and
Superintendent with power to act.

4. Resolution authorizing the purchase of property owned by the Baxter Laundry Company along the river north of the Washington Apartments

Referred to the Park Committee.

5. Resolution asking the Board to submit to the Charter Study Committee before June 29th a written statement setting forth suggestions that might be improved by amendment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Relations and Superintendent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Recreation Committee filed a detailed written report on the organization of activities for the summer months.

The Forestry Committee filed a written report on the trimming and spraying of trees and spraying for weeds and mosquitos.

The Building Committee—

Reports that the committee inspected and approved the Groesbeck Golf Course Building with minor adjustments to be made.

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
W. C. BAGULEY.

The CEMETERY COMMITTEE asks for additional time to report on rates and charges.

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY.

The PARK COMMITTEE inspected property between Gier and Vance Streets and east of North Street, and consider it desirable for playground purposes if suitable arrangements could be made for the property.

The Committee also checked property at Filley Street off Turner Street and would need additional information before making a recommendation.

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. G. CALLARD.

The PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE advises the adoption of the "Employment Rules and Regulations" as adopted by the City Council on May 11, 1953, for the employees of the Park, Cemetery, Forestry and Recreation Departments.

ORLA H. BAILEY,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN.

By Com. Bailey—

I moved the adoption of the report.

Carried.

The CEMETERY COMMITTEE hereby presents the following requests for removals:

Joseph Cwiek family, for the removal of the remains of Mrs. Mary Cwiek, from grave 3 of Lot 282, Section N in Mt. Hope Cemetery, to St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Cwiek is now in a single grave and the family wish to transfer her remains to the above cemetery where they recently purchased a lot.

Elmer Cowdry and Hulda Cowdry, for the removal of the remains of infant Grace May Cowdry from Subdivision 56, Section Y of Mt. Hope Cemetery, to Lot 187, Section X, in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

This infant was interred in a single grave, and the family desire to have her remains transferred to the family lot they have recently purchased.

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,

By Com. Baguley—

That the request of the Committee be granted.

Carried.

The FINANACE COMMITTEE recommends that the salary of Carl Fenner be increased \$250.00 as of and retroactive to May 1, 1953, and charged to the Golf Courses.

WALTER A. GRAFF,
C. G. CALLARD,
KENNETH E. HEWES.

By Com. Callard—

That the salary of Carl Fenner, Asst. Superintendent, be increased from \$6,000 to \$6,250 per year, retroactive to May 1, 1953, and the City Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and requested to charge Groesbeck Golf Course \$100, Sycamore Golf \$50, Waverly Golf \$50 and Red Cedar Golf \$50.

Carried.

By the Park Committee—

That the Board approve the purchase of river frontage property on Block 198, adjacent to park property, with the buildings thereon for the sum of \$12,000 from the Baxter Laundry Company, subject to

approval of the City Attorney on title in the owner and taxes to date.

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. G. CALLARD.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized to purchase from the Baxter Laundry Company property described as:

"The west 20 feet of Lot 1 except the south one rod thereof and north three rods of east eighty-five feet of Lot 8 and east 85 feet of Lot 9, Block 198, City of Lansing"

for the sum of \$12,000.00 from the Park Property Purchase Fund but subject to approval by the City Attorney of title and taxes to date.

Be it Resolved Further, that the property be rented to the Traffic Department and payments credited back to the Park Property Purchase Fund.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

In lieu of the purchase of new bonds, the Superintendent is directed and hereby authorized to purchase \$500.00 in bonds from the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Account for the Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be and he is

hereby authorized and requested to purchase and report back to board:

3 1/4% Treasury Bonds, issue of May 1, 1953, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby instructed to arrange for repairs on the brick building at 513 River Street, which are to be used as rest rooms.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Superintendent and Chairman of the Recreation Committee be instructed to make an agreement with the 119th Field Artillery for use of playground.

Carried.

President Gibbs appointed the Park Committee to make arrangements for a meeting with a committee from the Board of Education to talk over the plans and use of property recently purchased from the State by the School Board on E. Saginaw Street.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

June 10, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 15, 1953

July 15, 1953

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Feeman, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim.—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from the City Attorney, Chas. P. VanNote, on the examination of an abstract covering the following described parcel:

The west 20 feet of Lot 1, except the South one rod thereof; the North three rods of the East eighty-five feet of Lot 8, and the east eighty-five feet of Lot 9, Block 198, City of Lansing (Baxter Laundries Corp.)

Received and placed on file.

Letters of appreciation were received from D. H. Sheehan, Jr., Field Director of the National Golf Foundation, Mrs. Donald Bay, Secretary of Elmhurst P.T.A., Alfred Gamble, General Chairman of Grand Commandery Conclave.

Received and placed on file.

A communication sent to the City Council on July 13, 1953, by Hazel Covell, 422 Clifford Street, asking that a fence be built around Hunter Park.

Referred to the Park Committee and the Superintendent.

(Signature) Communication from the Christman Com-

pany with proposition to sell to the city all that property lying between River Street and the Grand River from the south line of the Rollerdrone Building to Lena-wee Street.

Referred to the Park Committee.

Communication from Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Schubel, 1529 E. Grand River Avenue, relative to exchange of properties with the city.

Referred to the Park Committee and Superintendent with power to act.

The following referrals from the City Council were received and placed on file:

June 22—Petition asking city to purchase property extending south from Gier Street and north from Vance Street facing on First Street for playground purposes.

July 13—Resolution directing Director of Public Service and Superintendent of Parks to confer with State Highway Department relative to maintenance of parkway on S. Cedar Street from Baker Street to Mt. Hope Avenue.

Letter from Central Advertising Company requesting permission to lease space for two posters on property across from the entrance of Evergreen Cemetery.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Com. Feeman reported for the Forestry Committee filing a detailed report on the work being done during the summer on trees, which was received and placed on file.

Com. Callard reported for the Recreation

Committee and a written report was filed on the summer activities of the Recreation Department.

The Public Relations Committee filed a written report on the recommendations that had been made to the Charter Study Committee.

The Cemetery Committee hereby presents the following request for removal:

The family of Lucy Coddington for the removal of the remains of Guy George Coddington from grave 1 of Lot 414, Section H to grave 2 of the same lot in Evergreen Cemetery.

They desire to use the two middle graves and use a monument with inscriptions instead of markers.

Signed:

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Baguley—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Park Committee reports—

That the following properties should be

given consideration for purchase:

- 1—Rouser property on E. Mt. Hope.
 - 2—Christman property on River Street.
 - 3—Corr property on First Street.
 - 4—Dunnebacke property on Stanley Street.
- and the Superintendent is requested to get written offer of properties.

Signed:

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. GORDON CALLARD,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee recommends the following schedule of fees and charges for Mt. Hope and Evergreen Cemeteries to take effect August 15, 1953, as per attached schedule.

Signed:

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
Cemetery Committee.

Tabled for one month.

	Operating	P.C.	Total
Double Lot 16' x 25' — 10 burial	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Standard Lot 16' x 12½' — 4 adult — 2 children	100.00	150.00	250.00
Markers and monuments allowed on above (see rules).			
Per square foot	.50	.75	1.25
3 Burial Space on Standard Lot	75.00	112.50	187.50
2 Burial Space on Standard Lot	50.00	75.00	125.00
1 Burial Space on Standard Lot	25.00	37.50	62.50
Single Burial in Single Section 4' x 10'	20.00	30.00	50.00
Single Burial (no marker) 3' x 3' (infant)	4.50	6.75	11.25
Single child (under 4') marker privilege 3' x 4'	6.00	9.00	15.00
Single child (under 4') marker privilege 3' x 5'	7.50	11.25	18.75
No monument privilege on above (see rules).			

GRAVE CHARGES

	Open & Close	Vault Chg.	Trim	Device	Tent	Total
Adult (over 4')	\$30.00	\$6.00	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$7.00	\$46.00
Child (under 4')	15.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	7.00	28.00
Infant (under 3')	7.50	1.50	1.00		7.00	17.00
Ashes in box or vault						7.50
Ashes in urn						5.00

REMOVALS

Removal out of cemetery over 4'	\$36.00
Removal out of cemetery under 4'	20.00
Removal out of cemetery — infant	10.00
Removal and Reinter in City Cemeteries — adult	70.00
Removal and Reinter in City Cemeteries — child	40.00
Removal and Reinter in City Cemeteries — infant	15.00

Where new vault or container is used — additional charge.

FOUNDATION CHARGES

Monument Foundations, per cubic foot	\$ 1.00
Marker Foundations, per cubic foot	1.00
Minimum charge for marker foundation	10.00

Special Care: May be provided for flowers, shrubs and special services thru the Trust Fund and interest will be used to carry out terms of agreement at Cemetery Office.

Monument and Marker regulations where allowed:

Monument not more than 40% of lot width or 6% of lot area.

Must be presented to office for approval.

In Mt. Hope Cemetery monuments and markers may be used with approval to match stones already in place.

The Recreation Committee requests permission to consider a lease arrangement with the "Fifty Plus" Club for the use of a part of the Veteran's Housing Project on W. Saginaw Street.

Signed:

C. GORDON CALLARD,
WALTER A. GRAFF,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
Recreation Committee.

By Com. Callard—

That the report be adopted and the Committee given power to act.

Carried.

The Public Relations Committee recommends that the amendment adopted by the City Council regarding employee hours and payment attached hereto be adopted by the Cemetery and Park Board for all employees of the Board.

Signed:

ORLA H. BAILEY,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
WALTER A. GRAFF,
Public Relations Committee.

By Com. Bailey—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Building Committee reports that tentative plans have been prepared for the buildings as

Frances Park Pumping Station
River Street — Rest House
West Side — Pavilion and Toilets.

for the Board's consideration.

Signed:

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Building Committee.

By Com. McKim—

That the Committee Report be adopted.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee recommends that all burials be made in a permanent vault to protect the burial and to prevent settling of graves and repair.

The Committee recommends further that the Superintendent be requested to investigate the cost of a concrete box or vault which could be furnished by the undertakers or the City at a minimum price.

Signed:

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Baguley—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized to make an extension north on the Oak Park Service Building for storage purposes not to exceed funds set up in the budget.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Callard—

That model airplane operators be denied the use of the Potter Park meadow on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays because of the traffic hazard and to provide some relief to residents of the area.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That, in the case of the CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY, a Michigan corporation, and FRANCELLA SMITH HINELINE, Executor of the ESTATE OF GEORGE E. SMITH, Deceased, Plaintiffs,

vs.

CITY OF LANSING, a Michigan Municipal corporation, and H. LEE BANCROFT, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries of said City, Defendants, which is for the purpose of forcing an access to the Moores Park Drive in addition to the present established Westchester Plat entrance; and

Whereas, it is contrary to the thinking of this Board inasmuch as the lot in question has access by private road from Cambridge Road; and

Whereas, it would create further traffic hazards on Moores River Drive; and

Whereas, it is the intention of this Board to legally defend itself and the intent and purposes for which J. H. MOORES gave to the City of Lansing the Park Property for park use;

We, Therefore, propose to retain Mr. Robert Arvidson as Legal Counsel to work with the City Attorney in the preparation and defense of this suit. Due to the time required for research and preparation, it is our considered opinion that additional Counsel should be employed on this case.

We move the adoption of this resolution and that a copy be sent to the Lansing City Council.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Superintendent be authorized to enter into a rental or lease agreement with the Traffic Department for the use of the building at about 900 block S. Grand Avenue.

Carried.

The Committee making arrangements for the annual picnic, announced that the picnic would be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 5, 1953, at the Scott Park Art and Garden Center.

By Com. McKim—

That the tentative plans for the West Side Field Building be approved and Manson and Carver be and are hereby authorized to draw plans and specifications for construction.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,

City Clerk.

July 15, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 12, 1953

August 12, 1953.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Bailey, Callard, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—6.

Absent—Coms. Baguley, Feeman—2.

Coms. Baguley and Feeman were excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A report was made on an attendance at an "open house" of the Cerebral Palsey Day Camp by Coms. Gibbs, Baguley and Hewes with H. Lee Bancroft and Mr. Kipke.

Received and placed on file.

The Christman Company submitted an estimated cost to make alterations in the dividing walls between the cages in the animal house.

Received and placed on file.

Communication from Harry Conrad relative to an abandoned septic tank and sewer which runs across his property and City owned property on Moores River Drive, which was acquired from Frank Vandervoort.

Received and placed on file.

Communications received from Lee Currier, spokesman for the model airplane group of Lansing, asking permission to use the Municipal ball park at Kalamazoo and Clippert for airplane flying.

By Com. Callard—

That the request of Lee Currier for the use of Municipal field be approved for a model airplane meet and that arrangements be made thru Mr. Kipke for such an event and for such practice periods as may be required and to arrange for public liability protection for the City if such use is scheduled.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Recreation Committee filed a written report on the activities of the Recreation Department for the month of July 1953, which was received and placed on file.

The Public Relations Committee reported on the fine publicity which the State Journal had given the department for the past month.

By Com. Bailey—

That the Superintendent be and is hereby requested to write a letter to the State Journal thanking them for the co-operation.

Carried.

The PARK COMMITTEE of the Cemetery and Park Board, as authorized by the Board and as requested by Harry G. Schubel, recommends to the City Council that to establish a straight and mutual line between City tax acquired property and the abutting private property that the City and the abutting owner establish the line by an exchange of property with necessary quit claim deed from the City and a warranty deed from the owner.

The land to be exchanged by the City was acquired from the State Land Board, has an assessed valuation of less than \$5,000 and has not been used for municipal purposes. The Park Committee considers

the land to be acquired by exchange as more desirable for municipal purposes. The Park Committee considers the land to be acquired by exchange as more desirable for park purposes in that it will establish a definite property line between the two properties.

The Committee recommends the exchange under the provisions of Section 8, Act 155 of the Public Acts of 1937 as amended by Act 212 of the Public Acts of 1947.

The Committee recommends the following exchange:

The City to quit claim—

"That part of Lot 6, Assessor's Plat No. 54 described as: Beginning at the most southerly point of said Lot 6, thence on the lot line N. 41° 48' E. 132.0 feet, thence on the lot line N. 41° 16' W. 5.97 feet, thence S. 48° 46' 30" W. 131.03 feet to southwesterly line of said lot, thence S. 41° 16' E. 22.0 feet to point of beginning."

in exchange for Warranty Deed from Harry G. Schubel and wife for private property described as:

"That part of Lot 7 of Assessor's plat No. 54 described as: Beginning at the most northerly corner of said Lot 7, thence on lot line S. 41° 48' W. 76.8 feet, thence on the lot line S. 41° 16' E. 27.03 feet, thence N. 48° 46' 30" E. 44.58 feet to east lot line, thence N. 48.2 feet to point of beginning."

Signed:

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. GORDON CALLARD,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE—

Recommends that they be given power to act in advertising and taking bids on the West Side Field Building as soon as plans and specifications are completed.

By Com. McKim—

That the report be adopted and the Committee be given power to act.

Carried.

THE PARK COMMITTEE—

Recommends that the offer of the Christian Company be given consideration by

the City Council for the purchase of land and building on River Street lying between the northerly street line of E. Lenawee Street extension to the Grand River and the south line of the Rollerdrone building extended east to the Grand River.

Signed:

K. E. HEWES,
C. G. CALLARD,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

In lieu of the purchase of new bonds, the Superintendent is directed and hereby authorized to purchase \$500.00 in bonds from the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Account for the Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the price schedule for purchase of lots and service charges as presented at the July 8th meeting, and printed in the minutes, be adopted and made effective as of August 15, 1953.

Carried.

By Com. Baguley—

That the request of Dr. E. I. Carr for removal of the remains of his daughter, Fannie Smith Carr, from grave 8 to Grave 4 of his lot 22, Sec. H, Mt. Hope Cemetery, in order that the entire west half of the lot may be held for the use of another daughter and her family, Mrs. J. Woodward Roe, be granted.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase and report back to board:

3 1/4% Treasury Bonds, issue of May 1, 1953 for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Superintendent be authorized, subject to the approval of the Auditing Committee of the City Council to attend the American Park Institute National meeting at Denver from September 13 to 19th.

Estimated expense \$200.00.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

At a Council meeting held on the 27th of July the request of the Lansing Safety Council for a reviewing stand and chairs to be placed at the corner of N. Washington Avenue and Genesee Street for the parade judges of the Michigan Trucking Association was granted and referred to the Park Department.

Mr. Bancroft reported this stand was erected; also bleachers were erected at the airport for the contests.

The petitions and requests for swimming pool at Comstock Park were also reported on.

Mr. Carver of Manson and Carver was present and showed the plans for building at West Side Park.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

August 12, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Sept. 4, 1953

September 4, 1953

A special meeting of the Committee on Building of the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners was held to open bids on West Side Park Pavilion.

The following bids were received:

Bid of Wm. H. Bennett.....\$29,600.00

Bid of Granger Bros.\$28,680.00

Bid of Carl Haussman.....\$24,666.00

Bid of Kyte Construction
Co.\$28,993.00

Bid of Reniger Construction Co.\$32,365.00

By Commissioner Baguley—

That the contract be awarded at the next meeting of the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners, September 9, 1953.

The meeting adjourned.

BEULAH M. ROUSE,
Assistant City Clerk.

September 4, 1953.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Sept. 9, 1953

September 9, 1953

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

Communication from R. E. Sanderson giving balance due on the contract of Gertrude D. Ludwick.

Received and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Feeman, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

Communication from the Christman Company relative to property on River Street.

Received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication received from Frank W. Mainville, asking permission to use Sycamore ball park and building for the Leash and Collar club to stage an all-age dog show.

By Com. Hewes—

That permission be granted under the supervision of Theron Downey.

Carried.

Communication from Nehi Bottling Company relative to leasing property on the north side of West Lenawee Street.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations Committee reported on the publicity the department received for the month of August.

REPORT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Department activities are in the state of change.

All summer programs have terminated. Playgrounds, swimming pools, tennis tournaments, champions in baseball, softball and tournament play in all branches of sports have been completed.

The Recreation staff is busy planning and preparing for the Fall and Winter activities.

A complete report on the summer activities will be made in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GORDON CALLARD,
WALTER A. GRAFF,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,

Received and placed on file.

Communication from Chief Okemos Council Boy Scouts of America requesting the use of the Municipal Ball Park west of the Red Cedar Golf Course for a Jamboree Round-up.

By Com. Hewes—

That permission be granted under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Carried.

REPORT OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE

September 9, 1953

Due to the dry weather, emphasis has been placed on the watering of street trees. Two types of watering has been done. First the many hundreds of small trees that were set out last fall and this spring have been watered from 600 gal. tank mounted on a Ford truck purchased in early summer for this purpose. During late August and early September a total of 758 trees were given from 10 to 15 gallons of water each. Thirty-nine large trees that were on the sick list from previous years care were given from 1 to 2½ hours of so-called "deep watering." Water is introduced into the soil and subsoil with a water lance or small, 3 foot long, tube.

We are still operating 2 trimming crews in the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the city, but one crew will fold up next week because about one-half of the men will return to school and college.

In the tree nurseries on Mt. Hope Avenue and at Gier Park field we are readying about 600 trees for fall planting. Work consists of examining for health, size, straightness, etc. Every tree found ready and fit to go is marked and trimmed.

Signed:

HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Forestry Committee

Received and placed on file.

The Committee on Buildings reports that bids were taken on September 4th at 1:30, at the City Hall Park Office, and that the following bids were received, all with proper bid bonds:

Carl Haussman	.....	\$24,666.00
Granger Bros.	.....	28,680.00
Kyte Construction Co.	.....	28,993.00
William H. Bennett	.....	29,600.00
Reniger Construction Co.	.....	32,365.00

Signed:

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Building Committee

By Com. McKim—

That the bid of Carl Haussman, being the best and lowest bid, be approved.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. McKim—

That the building and construction of the West Side Park Building be awarded to Carl Haussman for the bid sum of

\$24,660.00 with estimated time of construction of 90 days, according to plans and specifications of Manson and Carver, Architects.

Be it resolved further, that the President be and he is hereby authorized to sign a contract for the Board.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That upon payment of \$640.51 principal and interest to date, on a land contract dated September 1, 1948, being payment in full, the Mayor and City Clerk are requested and authorized to sign a warranty deed for the City of Lansing to Gertrude D. Ludwick, for property described as:

"The south 68 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet of Lots 9 and 10, Block 7, Park Place Addition,"

being a part of the J. H. Moores Estate.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

In lieu of the purchase of new bonds, the Superintendent is directed and hereby authorized to purchase \$500.00 in bonds from the Mt. Hope Cemetery Operating Account for the Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

Carried.

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase and report back to board:

3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Treasury Bonds issue of May 1, 1953, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Feeman—

That flowers be sent to the family of Harold Beltz, a former Commissioner.

Carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bancroft reported on activities at Grosebeck golf course.

The meeting adjourned.

BEULAH M. ROUSE,
Assistant City Clerk

September 9, 1953

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, Oct. 14, 1953

October 14, 1953

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Callard, Feeman, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—8.
Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication received from Florence Ranney Parmenter relative to Ranney Park.

Referred to the Park Committee and the Superintendent.

Letter of appreciation from Gladys Olds Anderson for the excellent planning at the dedication ceremony, erection of the R. E. Olds Memorial.

Received and placed on file.

Communication from the Trager Agency, Inc., quoting rates for liability coverage on the Scott Garden Center, in the yard as well as in the building.

To the Cemetery and Park Board:

The clubs using Scott Center have authorized the placing of insurance on the property to protect themselves and the City against Public Liability and would appreciate any help the City may be able to give in providing against accidents in or on the property.

Lee BANCROFT,
Superintendent.

By Com. Hewes—

That liability insurance be placed on the property at 915 Townsend Street.

Carried.

A card of appreciation was received from Mrs. Ida Beltz which was received and placed on file.

A letter of appreciation was received from C. A. Neitz, Scout Executive, for the use of the tourist camp and municipal park for the Scout Jamboree Round-Up on October 2-4, 1953.

Received and placed on file.

Obrecht Realty Company, agent for Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, offers to the Board Lot 37 of Bassett's Subdivision for the sum of \$1,000.00.

Referred to the Park Committee.

Invitation from the American Cemetery Association to their convention which is being held November 8-11 at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago.

Received and placed on file.

Communication from Scott Turner relative to the possibility of contracting with him to cultivate and work the tillable fields of the Turner farm.

By Com. McKim—

This be referred to the Superintendent with power to act.

Carried.

Trevellyan Oldsmobile, Inc., quote a price on an Oldsmobile Super "88" Four Door, which was received and placed on file.

A petition with 187 signatures was presented asking that the golf courses in the city be put into and maintained in better condition.

Referred to the Recreation Committee and the Superintendent.

Application from Don Perne, Asst. Golf Professional, Saginaw Country Club, for a position as golf professional on the municipal courses.

Referred to the Recreation Committee and the Superintendent.

A request from the City Plan Commission that the Cemetery and Park Board and Board of Education meet with them on the evening of November 5, 1953 at 7:30 p.m. The place for the meeting to be announced later.

By Com. Bailey—

That the invitation to the meeting be accepted.

Carried.

October 9, 1953.

City of Lansing

City Hall

Lansing, Michigan

Attention: Ralph W. Crego, Hon. Mayor.

Gentlemen:

The Consumers Power Company is now engaged in acquiring rights to build a wood pole electric line running between the Delhi Substation located in Section 3 of Delhi Township and running thence northerly to the Meridian Substation located in Section 9 of Meridian Township. The proposed plan calls for this line to cross a parcel of land owned by the City of Lansing, and said parcel is described as the east 62½ rods of all that part of the S.E. ¼ of Section 14, T4N, R2W, lying northerly of the Red Cedar River.

As consideration for a conveyance of right of way across the above described land the Consumer Power Company hereby agrees to convey to the City of Lansing by quit claim deed the following described land:

A parcel of land in the City of Lansing described as commencing on the east line of Pennsylvania Avenue

at a point 935 feet south of the south line of the Grand Trunk Railroad right of way, thence south on the east line of Pennsylvania Avenue 33 feet to a point, thence east 33 feet to a point, thence north 33 feet to a point, thence west 33 feet to the place of beginning, Section 22, T4N, R2W.

The last described parcel of land would be conveyed to the City of Lansing within a reasonable time after the Delhi-Meridian electric transmission line is completed and energized, and after the steel tower now located on said premises has been removed. We trust that this proposed exchange of rights will meet with your approval.

Your very truly,

/s/ C. K. WALLACE,
Gen. Land & Title Supv.

By Com. Callard—

That this transfer of properties be approved and referred to the City Council for action.

Carried.

September 28, 1953.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners
Mr. H. Lee Bancroft, Supt.

Room 202, City Hall

Lansing, Michigan

Re: West Side Pavilion
Project 5315

Gentlemen:

I was recently informed by the General Contractor, Mr. Carl Haussman, that he had just now discovered the omission of the price for millwork and finished lumber materials from his bid on the above project. The sum involved is \$977.00.

It is indeed unfortunate that this error was not discovered sooner. As you will undoubtedly recall, we asked Mr. Haussman to check his figures after the bids were opened, and prior to signing the Construction Contract. This he did, but somehow failed to discover this omission.

At Mr. Bancroft's request, Mr. Haussman submitted to me all of his bid work sheets and breakdown figures. We went over these together, and he showed me how the mistake had occurred.

I am thoroughly and completely convinced that an honest mistake was made, and that had Mr. Haussman caught this omission before submitting his bid, his bid would have been increased to include this sum.

Mr. Haussman respectfully requests your consideration of a change order increasing the contract sum by this amount (\$977.00).

First of all, I want to point out that there is nothing in the contract terms to force you in any way to comply with this request. Mr. Haussman, incidentally, is well aware of this fact.

However, I would like to point out that Mr. Haussman's bid was \$4,000 below the second low bid, and nearly \$5,000 below the average of all the bids. This fact makes it quite obvious that, if this request is not granted, Mr. Haussman will be furnishing the millwork materials for this building out of his own pocket. This, he realizes, would be because of his own error. He assures me, and I believe him, that, no matter what action you take on this request, he will endeavor to give you a good, complete and satisfactory construction on this project.

In my opinion it would be a generous act, and at the same time a very fair one, if you should see fit to grant this request.

Very truly yours,

MANSON & CARVER,
William W. Carver.

By Com. Callard—

This be referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

Carried.

To the Cemetery and Park Board:

It is recommended that Red Cedar and Sycamore Golf courses be closed for the following reasons:

1. The amount of play has dropped to the point where the revenue is not enough to pay the starter's salary.
2. This drop is due primarily to the many leaves falling which in turn makes it very difficult for golfers to find their balls.
3. The leaves can not be cleared because of the morning dew which means only one-half day use of the leaf picker.

The income from the courses for the week of October 11 was:

Groesbeck—168 players	\$144.00
Red Cedar—191 players	76.40
Waverly—207 players	103.50
Sycamore—118 players	41.30
	\$365.00

By: HERB KIPKE.

By Com. McKim—

That the recommendation be accepted.

Carried.

September 29, 1953.

Park and Cemetery Commission
202 City Hall

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

This is a request for permission to cross Bancroft Park property from Lot Nos. 12 & 13 at the end of Green Street, left side, to the big crock sewer. This request is necessary because the city sewer on Green Street is too shallow to accommodate my property which is 935 Green Street.

Yours truly,

LEON LYNN.

By Com. Hewes—

That the request be granted under supervision of the Superintendent.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations Committee reported on the publicity received during the month of September, 1953.

The Recreation filed a detailed report on the activities of the department for the summer of 1953.

Received and placed on file.

The Building Committee reports:

That electric service has now been made available and work is progressing satisfactorily at the West Side Building.

The Christman Company is making headway at the Potter Park Lion House and is putting in new wing walls between cages replacing the shifting doors between cages and installing manually operated doors from the building to the outside cages.

Repairs are being made to the Traffic Bureau Shop building on Hazel Street to accommodate the needs of that department.

Footings are being put in for the addition to the Oak Park Shop by Foster-Schermerhorn and Barnes.

All work is progressing satisfactorily.

Signed:

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
W. C. BAGULEY,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
Building Committee.

Report of Forestry Committee:

The work of trimming street trees has occupied the bulk of the time of all forestry employees during the month. Satisfactory progress is being made and it now appears that we may be able to cover about one-eighth of the city by the end of the season. We will take "time out" from this work for the fall tree planting season about the last week in October and first week in November.

Plans for the planting of approximately 400 trees are nearly completed. The trees are in our nursery and at the Cottage Gardens nursery, ready to be transplanted. At the present time the usual fall drought has dried and hardened the soil to such a degree that planting will be almost impossible unless heavy rains come soon.

Signed:

HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Forestry Committee.

Received and placed on file.

The Cemetery Committee reports that:

The family of DeVere R. Parker requests permission to remove the body of Iris Ruth Parker from grave 1 of Lot 162, Section D of Evergreen Cemetery to grave 1 of Lot 302, Section H of Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Parker is purchasing a larger lot to accommodate the needs of his family.

The family of J. Hazen Mitchell requests permission to remove his remains from grave 5 of Lot 58, Section P of Mt. Hope Cemetery to Spring Lake Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell's wife was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery October 3, 1953, and they wish to have them buried side by side.

The husband and children of Helen C. Beaubier request permission to remove her body from grave 8 of Lot 56, Section Z in Mt. Hope Cemetery to Section X (selection not made yet) for the reason that Mrs. Godfried Rominski has forbidden the burial of Helen C. Beaubier's husband on the lot and the children desire their father and mother buried in adjoining graves.

Signed:

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Baguley—

That the request be granted and that the report of the Committee be adopted, but subject to approval of the owner of Lot 56, Section Z, as to removal.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase at the market the following described bonds and report back to the board:

3 1/4% Treasury Bonds issued of May 1, 1953, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$2,000.00

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Board approve the plans and work that is being done on the Scott Playfield entrance.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That permission be granted the Boy Scout Troops to hold a meeting in Moores Park under the supervision of the Superintendent.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

That the Park Committee investigate and secure information as to values of the Veterans Housing Project property.

Carried.

By Com. Hewes—

The Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners do hereby extend to H. Lee Bancroft their congratulations in having received an Honorary Fellowship by the American Institute of Park Executives for his outstanding service, accomplishments and contributions to the Park and Recreation Movement, award having been made at a meeting in Denver, Colorado, on September 16, 1953.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

After the adjournment of the meeting, Com. McKim served cider and doughnuts.

MILLIE M. BROWN,

October 14, 1953

City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Nov. 11, 1953

November 11, 1953

4:00 P.M.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Bailey, Feeman, Gibbs, Graff, Hewes, McKim—7.
Absent—Com. Callard—1.

Com. Callard was excused from the session.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Gilbert A. Currie of Midland, Michigan expressing his appreciation for the courtesy shown him on a recent visit to the city, which was received and placed on file.

Mrs. Bernard Meissner of 1912 Vermont Avenue would like to purchase a part of a city owned lot adjoining their property.

Referred to the Park Committee with power to act.

Marjorie Blincoe, Secretary, files report on the purchase of \$2,000 U. S. 3 1/4% Treasury Bonds.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. Feeman was excused from the session at 4:30 p.m.

Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners
Gentlemen:

Received \$25.00 from Mrs. R. A. Hunt, Treasurer of the Scott Park Art and Gar-

den Center, for Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company policy covering Public Liability of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00, and Medical Payments up to \$500.00—being half the premium.

November 3, 1953.

MILDRED T. GLEASON,
Office Manager.

Received and placed on file.

Board of Cemetery & Park Commissioners
Gentlemen:

The Annual Winter Meeting of the Michigan Recreation Association will be held at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State College on December 10 and 11.

The Lansing Recreation Department has been asked to be host with myself as chairman.

Permission is requested to have the following people attend: Herbert Kipke, Lee Dibble, Mrs. Margaret Whitehead and Mrs. Pearl Ryerse. The cost of attending will be registration \$1.50, Dinner \$2.50, and Lunch \$.75 or \$.75 per person.

This would mean approving an expenditure of \$28.75 for the meeting.

Respectfully requested,

HERBERT E. KIPKE,
Recreation Director.

By Com. Graff—

That the above request be granted.

Carried.

Hay Report 1953

The 1953 hay operation was a very successful one. We put 2,328 bales in the barn at a cost of \$945.68. There were 349 man

hours put into the operation which included cutting, raking field, labor and barn labor. Our truck cost was about the same and I estimated \$100.00 for this expense. The overall cost in 1952 was \$859.90 for 1,400 bales which is 928 less than 1953. We also have had an increase in wages this year so in comparing the two seasons I believe the men are doing a better and faster job each year. The baling started on Monday at 1 p.m. and was completed at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a total of 16 hours on the job for the full crew.

The second cutting we sold to Leo Hieler for \$100.50, but we reserved 100 bales for our own use.

We planted 9 acres of oats and seeded the field for hay on the Turner Farm. The oats were very poor but the seeding is very good. After cleaning the oats we have 205 bushels. We were more interested in a good seeding which we now have, than we were in the oats crop. The oats will be fed to the stock at the zoo.

Reservations for 1953

The reservation schedule has increased from 313 in 1948 to 637 in 1953 which is an increase of 324 in five years. This is another all time high for reservations last year we had 603 which is 34 more than 1952. We have no idea of the number of unscheduled groups visiting the park each year. The comment on the reservation report card has been very favorable and very few complaints have been received. We have a very good crew of year round who take pride in their work and help to break in seasonal employees to do their job and I believe this is one of the reasons we have been able to do a better job and to keep from getting behind with our work and to help keep the park clean.

Sincerely,

TED DOWNEY.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report be accepted and placed on file and the Board express to Ted Downey their appreciation for the fine work done by him and his men and for the detailed report filed.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Building Committee reports that:

1. The roof is being framed in on the West Side Building and work progressing to schedule.
2. Steel for the roof of the Oak Park Storage Building has been placed and roofing will start this week.
3. The work at the Lion House has been completed and it greatly improves the safety and appearance of the building.

4. The Traffic Commission Building has been altered and is now occupied by that department.

5. The last building to be razed on the River Street property is now nearly down and should be finished in two weeks.

Signed:

ROBERT A. MCKIM,
KENNETH E. HEWES,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Building Committee.

By Com. McKim—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Recreation Committee recommends the following lease with the Fifty Plus Club of Lansing.

Signed:

WALTER A. GRAFF,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
Recreation Committee.

By Com. Graff—

That the report of the committee be adopted and referred to the City Council for action.

Carried.

The Recreation Committee recommends:

That a temporary skating rink be operated on the West St. Joe Park to replace the one at Sexton High School, for the winter of 1953-54.

Signed:

WALTER A. GRAFF,
HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
Recreation Committee.

By Com. Graff—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Recreation Committee filed a detailed report of the fall schedule and outlined the fall and winter programs for the different groups.

November 11, 1953.

Report of Forestry Committee

During late October it is always a pleasure to discontinue street tree trimming

for a few weeks. After completing the trimming of 131 trees on the regular schedule and 16 for the Water & Light Board, the crews were moved to the fall street tree planting activity. To date they have planted 168 trees to replace small trees that had died during the summer, and new trees in portions of streets heretofore unplanted on regular schedule. About 150 remain to be set out during the current month weather permitting. Before planting operations could be started, it was necessary to spend 4 days watering the entire nursery. Due to dry weather and drier soil the work of planting has been slowed considerably.

Other activities included 2-4-D weed control spraying on Groesbeck Golf Course, the street frontage of Sycamore Golf Course, the small park area on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Fayette St., and all sod areas on the Main St. Bridge property.

The work of making a completely new count of all street trees including new additions and subdivisions will be completed soon.

The office received 51 calls for tree inspection service. The majority of the calls have been answered by Mr. Murphy.

Our colored slide lecture on trees of Lansing was presented to the Bretton Woods Garden Club on November 4th.

Signed:

HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
O. H. BAILEY, JR.,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Forestry Committee.

By Com. Feeman—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Park Committee reports:

1. That work is well along on the development of the River Street property and two blocks of the frontage completed and part of the third block. Completion will wait the removal of the building now in process and the Council action on property north of Lenawee Street.
2. Grading work and seeding are completed at West Side Field, as is the parking lot and ball stops at this field.
3. The columns and wall have been erected at Scott Field and concrete work and landscaping will follow.
4. Walk repairs have been completed at Ferris Park, Durant Park and Reutter Park.
5. The boundary lines at the 119th Field artillery playground are being planted to improve the appearance of the prop-

erty and to provide a barrier to the private property on the east.

6. About eight acres of the Turner Farm frontage on Mt. Hope Avenue has been graded, fertilized and seeded.
7. The Porter Playgrounds west of Indiana Avenue has been graded and seeded.
8. Landscape material is ordered for the development of new sections at Evergreen Cemetery and for the West Side Field along Stanley Street.

Signed:

KENNETH E. HEWES,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
Park Committee.

By Com. Hewes—

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee recommends:

That the request of Mrs. Carl Watrous to make removal of the body of Robert J. Watrous from grave 1 of Lot 135 Section F of Mt. Hope Cemetery to Marion, Ohio Cemetery, to place his remains beside his father on the family lot, be approved.

Signed:

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Baguley—

That the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Cemetery Committee recommends:

That a 500 gallon storage tank be moved from the property at Hazel and Washington Avenue to the Cemetery Service Yard on Mt. Hope and that a pump and small service building be constructed to house the pump and oil and grease.

Signed:

W. C. BAGULEY,
ROBERT A. MCKIM,
ORLA H. BAILEY,
Cemetery Committee.

By Com. Baguley—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MILLIE M. BROWN,
City Clerk.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings Dec. 9, 1953

December 9, 1953.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by the President, Com. Gibbs.

ROLL CALL

Present—Coms. Baguley, Callard, Freeman, Gibbs, Graff, McKim.—6.

Absent—Com. Bailey.—1.

Commissioner Bailey was excused from the meeting.

That the minutes of the previous meeting be corrected to include the following resolution that was omitted.

RESOLUTION

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase at the market the following described bonds and report back to the board:

3½% Treasury Bonds issue of May 1, 1953, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$2,000

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Arthur DeLau, 1021 Parkdale Avenue, to purchase a piece of property from the Park Department with an agreement of exchange of a piece of property adjacent to Sycamore Ball Park.

Referred to Park Committee.

Letter from Department of Conservation relative to river frontage along State property lying south of Kalamazoo Street and east of Clippert Street.

Referred to Park Committee.

Letter from Francis J. Corr, Inc., offering to sell 1.57 acres of land on First Avenue between Gier Street and Vance Avenue for \$2,000.00 to the Park Department.

Referred to Park Committee.

Letter from Michigan State Highway Department relative to crossing of the railroad belt line on Saginaw Street at the west limits of Lansing.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from Neil G. Blackstone, Airport Manager, asking for erection of stand at airport, December 16th at approximately 9 A.M. for the send-off of Michigan State College football team.

By Com. Graff—

That permission be granted to erect said stand.

Marjorie Blincoe, Secretary, files report on the purchase of \$2,000 U. S. 3½% Treasury Bonds.

Received and placed on file.

Commissioner Freeman was excused from the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Building Committee—

Reports that work is nearly completed on the Oak Park storage building. Also work will be resumed on the West Side

Rest House in the spring for finishing and painting.

That the players building is being built on a time and material basis by Carl Haussman.

Work at Scott Playfield entrance is nearly completed.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROBERT A. MCKIM,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Building Committee.**

By Com. McKim—

I move that the report be adopted.

Carried.

The Finance Committee reports—

That inasmuch as the following bonds are maturing the first of January 1954, the Superintendent of Parks is requested and authorized to sign such bonds for redemption for and in behalf of the Cemetery and Park Board, together with the City Treasurer, and funds derived from such redemption to be credited back to their respective funds, as listed below:

\$67,500 Series F—U. S. Savings Bonds for Frances Park Special Account.

\$ 9,000 Series G—U. S. Savings Bonds for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

\$25,000 Series G—U. S. Defense Bonds for Mt. Hope Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

Signed :

**C. GORDON CALLARD,
WALTER A. GRAFF,
Finance Committee.**

By Com. Graff—

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Finance Committee requests power to act in arranging and making investment of Perpetual Care Funds and Park Investments.

Signed :

**WALTER A. GRAFF,
C. GORDON CALLARD,
Finance Committee.**

By Com. Graff—

That the report of the Committee be adopted and the Committee be given power to act for the Board.

By Com. Baguley—

That the City Council Auditing Committee be requested to approve the expenditure of approximately \$70.00 to send the Assistant Forester to the Ohio Short Course for arborists at Columbus, Ohio, on January 18 to 20, 1954.

Signed :

**HYRTL C. FEEMAN,
W. C. BAGULEY,
Forestry Committee.**

By Com. Baguley—

That the report of the Committee be adopted and the request made to the Council Auditing Committee.

Carried.

The Park Committee recommends—

That the offer of Francis Corr to sell 1.57 acres of land on First Avenue between Gier St. and Vance Avenue, with a 10' easement to East Street be approved and the purchase in the amount of \$2000 be recommended to the City Council.

Signed :

**ROBERT A. MCKIM,
C. GORDON CALLARD,
Park Committee.**

By Com. McKim—

I move that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Recreation Committee filed a detailed report on the activities for the fall which was received and placed on file.

The Forestry Committee filed a report on the Street Tree Planting, Street Tree Trimming and the Municipal Christmas Tree which was received and placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS

By Com. Graff—

That the Superintendent be and he is hereby authorized and requested to purchase at the market the following described bonds and report back to the board:

3 1/4% Treasury Bonds issue of May 1, 1953, for Evergreen Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in the amount of \$1,000

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the offer of Arthur DeLau to purchase a piece of property from the Park Department known as:

The south 160' x 41.4' of Lot 31 and the south of the east 160' x 10'8" of Lot 30 of Parkdale Subdivision,

in exchange as follows:

The north 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 41.4' of Lot 32 and the north 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 41.4' of Lot 33 at \$250.00 each for a total of \$500.00; plus \$1,400.00 cash for a total of \$1,900.00,

be accepted and recommended to the City Council.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the Board authorize and request an appraisal of the City owned property south of Saginaw Street and west of Stanley Street, formerly used as a Veterans Housing project.

Cost not to exceed \$350.00.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That the request of the Conservation Department be referred to the Park Committee of the Board with power to act and that all necessary steps be taken and authorized to preserve for public use, the river frontage along State property lying south of Kalamazoo Street and east of Clippert Street.

Carried.

By Com. McKim—

That owing to the loss of the chairman of the Park Committee, because of the rearrangement of Ward Lines recently voted by the people of the City of Lansing, this Board express to Kenneth E. Hewes their sincere thanks and appreciation for the help and cooperation which he has given the Board over the past nine years.

Mr. Hewes has given fully of his wealth of information in the acquisition, planning and development of the City's park and recreation system and has proven an untiring, faithful and gifted member of the Board.

We express hereby our thanks for the community service which Mr. Hewes has given the City of Lansing and its people.

I move the adoption of the resolution and ask that it be spread on the minutes and a copy forwarded to Mr. Hewes.

Carried.

By Com. Callard—

That the Board adjourn the next regular meeting to Tuesday, January 19, 1954, at 7:30 P.M.

Carried.

Board adjourned

THEO FULTON,
Deputy City Clerk.

December 9, 1953